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Information From Your Board of Trustees

INTRODUCING YOUR NEW FIREFIGHTERS & MEDIC UNIT

On Sunday, May 6th at the Central Fire Station, Fire Chief Charles Shalenberger, along with the Plain Township Board of Trustees, swore in 12 new firefighters to the Plain Township Fire Department. In



attendance were family and friends of the new hires, along with current firefighters and staff from the department. While addressing the crowd, Chief Shalenberger stated; "Not only are we hiring personnel that meet qualifications, but those who excel in compassion, integrity, and trust. The goal is always to go the extra step for the residents and visitors of Plain Township".

This hiring increases the departments staffing from 43 Firefighters to 52 Firefighters. The new hires are scheduled and

working as of the swearing in to immediately start their service to our community. The Board of Trustees is incredibly proud our newest employees. The Fire Department has taken delivery of a New 2017 International/Lifeline custom Medic Unit. New Medic 4 has been placed into service at Fire Station #4 at 7858 Market Avenue North. This New Ambulance will allow the department to decommission a 1999 Ford/McCoy Miller from that same station. It comes with the latest safety features, such as a backing camera, patient compartment seatbelts, and a Stryker cot loading system. Purchasing of this vehicle was done in accordance to the fire departments master vehicle replacement plan.



Yard Waste Recycling

We are pleased to share extended yard waste recycling hours! Leaves, branches, small tree limbs, and other yard waste will be accepted in loose form or paper bags at **2855 Easton Street NE ~ Canton, OH 44721** from **8:00am-6:00pm** on **WEDNESDAYS, SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS**. Closed holidays.

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Join us at the Plain Township Farmer's Market!



Thanks to your continued support, the **Plain Township Farmers' Market** has grown from 10 vendors to 30+ every **Wednesday** from **4:00-7:00pm**! With each passing week, more fresh, locally grown produce options, vendors and activities will be offered. Parking is now available in the brand new **Veteran's Park** lot located off the access road to the right when entering the park and at High Mill Church of the Resurrection. Visit the Welcome Center for a cart or basket rental and then shop the market for the majority of your grocery shopping needs! Utilize the free Veggie Valet and golf cart services to make shopping the open air market more convenient. Products include, but not limited to vegetables, fruit, fresh cut herbs & flowers, pastured beef, pork, lamb, chicken & turkey, free range eggs, honey, coffee, maple syrup, live plants, olive oil, cheese, vinegar, dried herb blends, cold pressed juice, artisan breads, bagels, pasta, cookies, muffins, crackers, nut mixes, wellness, body & home care products, gift items, pet food, nutritional products & treats, specialty gear, wooden toys, puzzles and more! Enjoy made to order dinners, smoothies & cold treats while you take in the beauty of the park and the live music offered by volunteer musicians. Unwind with a free all levels yoga class offered by **Restoration Yoga & Yoga Central** every week at **6:00pm** in the grassy area near the



splash pad. Young market goers are invited to explore farm related toys in the Kids Connection tent, play on the playground and frolic in the new splash pad. Spend your Wednesday evenings amidst the family & pet friendly amenities of the park, while supporting small businesses by shopping locally & eating seasonally. Go to <https://plaintownship.com/farmersmarket.aspx> for more information, vendor, volunteer & musician applications and to subscribe to the market's monthly eNewsletter.



E-Waste Recycling



Due to ongoing technological advancement, many electronic products become obsolete within a very short period of time, creating a surplus of unwanted electronic products or "E-waste." Disposing of E-waste in landfills has the potential to cause severe human and environmental health impacts. Plain Township will be accepting E-waste at the **Plain Township Hall** parking lot, **2600 Easton Street NE**, on **Saturday, September 22nd** from **10:00am - 2:00pm**. This event is being hosted by Plain Township and **ecycle Solutions of Ohio** is providing the recycling services. Visit our website at www.plaintownship.com for a complete list of items that will be accepted. Please note that fees apply for some items. **Basically, if it plugs in, or works off a battery, we will take it!**

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A Day at the Beach

From fishing and swimming to boating and birding, Northeast Ohioans enjoy spending time on the water. But a day at the beach and the near-shore habitat that fish, birds and other wildlife depend on can be easily ruined by ignorance and carelessness. Do your part to care for Lake Erie and our local waterways by following these **Guidelines for Responsible Recreation**:

Fishing

- Collect all used fishing line and recycle it—look for a container like the one pictured to the right. At the very least, collect your used line and any other line you may encounter and dispose of it in a trash can.
- Use only lead-free sinkers and other fishing products.
- Don't release live bait into the water or at the shore—they may be a nuisance or invasive species.
- Follow local catch-and-release and bag limit regulations to ensure a sustainable fishery.



Boating

- Keep your engine clean and in proper order to minimize oil & gas leaks.
- Clean with a sponge and plain water whenever possible. When you must use soap, utilize non-toxic, biodegradable, phosphate-free soap in small quantities.
- Prevent the spread of invasive species by practicing the Clean, Drain, Dry method on all equipment.
- Take the **Ohio Sea Grant Clean Border Pledge** at watercraft.ohiodnr.gov/cleanboating

Beachgoing

- Pack your trash up and make sure it gets in a trash can. Litter left carelessly on the beach ensnares wildlife and adds to the growing plastic pollution problem in Lake Erie. Plastic six-pack rings, fishing line and balloons are especially dangerous for wildlife.
- Don't dispose of cigarette butts or cigar tips on the ground— they are toxic to wildlife, which often mistakes them for food.

*For more information on how to reduce storm water pollution, contact **Stark Soil & Water** at (330)451-7645 or visit their website at www.starkswcd.org*



Fiscal Officer's Corner

License Plate and Gasoline Taxes

Of the many great things about summertime, few match the fun of a family road trip. Before you hook up that new boat or camper or hit the road with your family or friends in your car, SUV, pickup, or RV, make sure you fill your gas tank up at local gas stations in Plain Township. It's always a good idea to "shop local", especially when filling your gas tank. Plain Township receives a portion of the gasoline tax from sales at gas stations located within the



Township. The Plain Township Road Department receives this money and uses it towards maintaining township roads.

Also, double check your Certificate of Registration for your motor vehicles and make sure that if you live within Plain Township that the tax district is shown as "Plain Township" on your registration. Why? Because a portion of the fee you pay to renew your license plates is returned to the tax district you live in. Plain Township uses this money to purchase road salt which helps maintain the safety of the roadways in the winter months. Thank you for helping keep Plain Township tax dollars here in our community.

Parks Department

(330) 492-4689

Plain Township Purple Heart Day

The Plain Township Board of Trustees by way of proclamation, designated **August 7th** as **Plain Township Purple Heart Day**, as it is also National Purple Heart Day. The Township will fly its Purple Heart Flag at Veterans Park on that day to commemorate the service and sacrifices of all veterans wounded in combat. Please stop by the Plain Township Veterans Memorial throughout the day and evening to honor our Nation's Purple Heart recipients.

On January 9th at the first township meeting of the new year, Plain Township was officially recognized by **The Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter #699** as a **Purple Heart Township**. Plain Township is one of the first townships in the State of Ohio to have the honor bestowed upon it. The Order of the Purple Heart of Military Merit, established by General George Washington during the American Revolution, is the oldest military decoration for military merit in the world. The Purple Heart Medal is presented in the name of the President of the United States of America to members of the military wounded in combat with an instrument of war by enemy forces, and subsequently to the next of kin of members of the military killed in combat.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart was formed in 1932 and chartered by Congress in 1958, is composed of military men and women who received the Purple Heart Medal, and is the only congressionally commissioned organization comprised strictly of United States Combat Veterans. In recognition of the 1.8 million veterans who have been bestowed this prestigious medal given in the service of valor, Plain Township has taken the necessary steps to join the many other cities and villages in the nation to become a Purple Heart Township.

Register for activities online at: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/plaintownship/Home>



Quickstart Tennis

The Parks Department will be holding a 6 session of introductory tennis skills to get kids interested and excited in the sport on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** from **July 10th- July 26th** at **Alpine Community Park**, located at **3059 Alpine Street NE, Canton, 44721**. Ages **5-8 years** will have class from **6:00-7:00pm**, and ages **9-12 years** will have class from **7:00-8:00pm**. Rain outs will be made up on Fridays of that week. \$66.00 per child.



Camp Recycle



The Parks Department will again be offering Camp Recycle for children this summer in partnership with the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Recycling District. The cost is \$20.00 per child. Class will be held Monday – Friday, **June 18th -22nd** from **8:30am-11:30am** at the **Diamond Park Community Room**, located at **2782 Diamond Street NE, Canton, 44721**. Children will make edible crafts, and do activities both inside and around the park.

Basketball Hoops

Portable basketball hoops have been very popular throughout the Township over the last couple of years. Some being put in the right-of-way can and already have caused problems. According to **O.R.C. Section 3767.15**, no obstruction can be placed in the right-of-way. The Trustees are asking that these hoops be moved out of the right-of-way immediately. Permits can be obtained by coming to the **Road Department** located at **6300 Heminger Avenue ~ Canton, OH 44721**. between the hours of **7:00am-3:30pm, Monday—Friday**.



Fire Department

(330) 492-4089



Summer Safety

Summertime is once again upon us, so that means many of you will be sitting around a recreational fire talking and eating hot dogs & s'mores. However, there are a few things to remember when you have your recreational fire: The wood pile size shall not be more than 3 feet in diameter and not more than 2 feet in height. Only clean, dry wood shall be used. Open burning shall not be utilized for waste disposal purposes. The fire shall be at least 25 feet from any building or structure. Fires must be registered with the fire department 24 hours in advance. **No open**

burning of any kind is permitted from 6:00am to 6:00pm during March, April, May, October and November. To register a recreational fire, please go to plaintownship.com and click on Departments then Fire and Rescue and on Recreational Fire Registration to fill out the appropriate information. You may also call fire administration (330)492-4089 Monday—Friday from 8:00am-4:30pm to register your fire.

The Fourth of July is right around the corner and that means people love to celebrate the holiday with fireworks. Here are a few things for your information in regards to fireworks according to the State Fire Marshal's Office: You may buy consumer or 1.4g fireworks from a licensed wholesaler or manufacturer; however, you cannot discharge any consumer or 1.4g fireworks in the State of Ohio. You must transport all fireworks purchased in Ohio out of state within 48 hours of the purchase. The only items that can be used in Ohio are designated "trick or novelty" which smoke, pop, and/or sparkle. In Ohio, use of 1.4g fireworks (*fire crackers, bottle rockets, etc.*) is illegal. The laws that regulate fireworks are set out in the **Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 3743** and in the **Ohio Fire Code** under **Rule 56**. **Have a safe and happy summer!!**



Confined Space Class



The Plain Township Fire Department hosted a Confined Space Class at the new training facility. Members from Plain Township, Marathon Oil, Jackson Township, Canton Township and Nimishillen Township became certified in Confined Space One offered by the Ohio Fire Academy instructors. The class trained fire personnel for all types of rescue scenarios using tri-pods, lower devices and supplied air. Special thanks to Farmers Insurance (*Keith Williams agent*) for sponsoring food for the event.



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Zoning Department

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Zoning Reminders



With the summer season upon us, the Plain Township Zoning Department has been receiving numerous calls. Here are a few reminders to all township property owners—residential or commercial. Building permits are necessary for the following projects. Please contact the Zoning Department if you are unsure if your project requires a permit.

Building addition	Building remodeling <i>(including basements)</i>	New commercial construction	Garage <i>(attached or detached)</i>	Shed or storage building	Sign <i>(ground, wall or temporary)</i>
Deck	New residential construction	Pole barn	Pools	Gazebo/Pergola	Home Occupation

Applications



The Zoning Department processes applications for zoning permits from developers, builders, contractors, and homeowners. The Zoning permit must then be taken to The Stark County Building Department by the applicant for further issuing of permits. The turn-around rate for Plain Township Zoning permits for residential uses is typically three business days.

Attention All Township Businesses

Please make sure you are a registered business in the township. In order to have the most accurate list available, please email the following information to vlloyd@plaintownship.com - put "Plain Township Business" in the Subject.

- ♦ **Business Name**
- ♦ **Business Address**
- ♦ **Business Phone Number**
- ♦ **Business Website**
- ♦ **Business Email Address**

Zoning Certificate of Conformance

This is to all commercial property owners and tenants – A Certificate of Conformance Permit is required **prior** to anyone occupying a building in a Business, Office, or Industrial District.

A NEW permit is required for any change in:

- ♦ **Business use**
- ♦ **Change of ownership**
- ♦ **Change of tenant**

You can pick up an application at the Plain Township Zoning Department or our website.

Stark County Crisis Center Hotline

The **Stark County Crisis Intervention and Recovery Center** is available to help individuals and families with needs 24 hours a day. The phone number is **(330)452-6000**.

Nixle Emergency Notifications

The Plain Township Board of Trustees has a community notification service available to all residents, businesses, schools and organizations within Plain Township. This service is called "Nixle." It is a way for our Sheriff's Office, Road, Fire and Parks Departments to communicate quickly and effectively to our residents in case of a township emergency or event. The Nixle service lets us reach out to residents to inform them of events like road closures, snow bans, amber alerts, severe weather, and township wide events (*just to name a few*) by using email, texting or voice messaging. To register for Nixle, either text your zip code to 888777 or go to www.nixle.com. After selecting the "Nixle" link, you may register by entering your zip code in the field provided and clicking Go! On the next screen you will see a Sign Up Now box. Stay safe! Stay connected!

Road Department

(330) 492-3423

2018 Paving & Road Repair Project

Reminder: When the roads are posted for temporary no parking for the paving process, please don't park on them, as it slows down the paving process and it is also possible that your vehicle will be towed at your expense. The following roads are to be paved this year.

STREET	FROM	TO	STREET	FROM	TO
HEARTHSTONE	DAVENTRY	ORION	McDOWELL	MARKET	EAST TERM
DAVENTRY	HEARTHSTONE	PITTSBURGH	GROVE	MARKET	EAST TERM
OAKGLEN	HEARTHSTONE	EAST TERM	EAST GREEN	BEVERLY	LOMA LINDA
ORION	CLEVELAND	PITTSBURGH	SHETLAND	EAST GREEN	N.TERM
STRATAVON	ELMSMERE	BARCHESTER	ROYAL HILL	EAST GREEN	N.TERM
FARNHAM	ELMSMERE	BARCHESTER	KINGS CROSS	EAST GREEN	S.TERM
LUPE	N.CANTON	FARNHAM	KINGS GATE	EAST GREEN	S.TERM
BARCHESTER	N.CANTON	STRATAVON	WEST COMMONS	MARKET	BEVERLY
ELLESMERE	N.CANTON	STRATAVON	SOUTH COMMONS	BEVERLY	EAST TERM
FENWICK	WINDHAM	HOLLYTHORNE	SOUTHMOOR	BEVERLY	EAST TERM
SWEETWATER	FENWICK	EAST TERM	CHANTILLY	EAST TERM	LOMA LINDA
CHATFIELD	SWEETWATER	N.TERM	BEVERLY	EAST GREEN	55TH ST
TIMBERLANE	FENWICK	EAST TERM	GROSS	55TH ST	N.TERM
HOLLYTHORNE	FENWICK	EAST TERM	SWAN	55TH ST	N.TERM
CANDLESTICK	N.TERM	S.TERM	OAKPARK	MARKET	FAIRWOOD
SADDLECREEK	CARRIAGE LN.	W.TERM	BAINBRIDGE	BRENTWOOD	FRAZER
WINDGATE	SADDLEGATE	S.TERM	BRENTWOOD	55TH ST	OAKPARK
CARRIAGE LANE	HIDDENBROOK	CANDLESTICK	BRIARWOOD	BAINBRIDGE	OAKPARK
ORCHARDTRAIL	HUNTERRIDGE	EAST TERM	FAIRWOOD	55TH ST	OAKPARK
HUNTER RIDGE	FIRESTONE	ORCHARDTRAIL	BETHEL	46TH NW	47TH NW
COLDSTREAM	BIG SPRING	W.TERM	46TH NW	WHIPPLE	BETHEL
ASPEN	BIG SPRING	EAST TERM	ROCKY RILL	BUROAK	N.TERM
BIG SPRING	FIRESTONE	S.TERM	TREETOP	ROCKYRILL	W.TERM
CLOVERHURST	WOODWAY	SARATOGA	MAYAPPLE	ROCKYRILL	W.TERM
WOODWAY	N.TERM	S.TERM	FENCEGATE	PARKHAVEN	WOODFERN
KNOLLRIIDGE	WERNER CHURCH	EAST TERM	PARKHAVEN	BUROAK	52 ND ST
CHESHAM	EASTON	S.TERM	RAINTREE	PARKHAVEN	WOODFERN
PEMBERTON	CHESHAM	W.TERM	GLENHILL	55TH ST	52ND ST
DAWNSHIRE	CHESHAM	EAST TERM	OAKBRIAR	N.TERM	52ND ST
ATHERTON	CHESHAM	W.TERM	52ND ST	LINFORD	GLENHILL
ENGLEWOOD	CHAUCEER	WICLIF	MARET	REGENT	MORRIS
SAXON	CHAUCEER	WICLIF	MORRIS	MARET	COLUMBUS
BERWICK	CROMPTON	SAXON	42ND ST NW	WHIPPLE	EAST TERM
CROMPTON	CHAUCEER	W.TERM	LAKESIDE	17TH ST NW	FULTON
WICLIF	CHAUCEER	S.TERM	20TH ST NW	WHIPPLE	LAKESIDE
24TH ST NW	W. TERM	LAKESIDE	27TH ST NW	EATON	LAKESIDE
23RD ST NW	W. TERM	LAKESIDE	26TH ST NW	RIDGEDALE	LAKESIDE
DARLINGTON	CROYDON	EATON			

Culvert Upgrades

If there is any culvert repair, replacement or new installation done in the R-O-W of your property, the Plain Township Road Crew will do the grading and landscaping, including seed, fertilizer and straw. We ask, when possible, for the resident to water the area the first 2 weeks, as we are not able to. Thank you for your cooperation!

Prevent Problems

Please remember not to rake leaves, grass clippings or other debris into storm sewers, ditches or streets, as keeping them clean will help reduce drainage problems. It is illegal to dump oil, antifreeze, herbicides, pesticides or other hazardous products into ditches, culverts and catch basins. All violators will be prosecuted. If you see dumping taking place, please report it to the **Stark County Health Department** at (330)493-9904.

Contact List

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Elected Officials	
Trustees	(330)492-4689
Fiscal Officer/Finance	(330)493-1366
County Commissioners	(330)451-7371
Fire & Rescue	
Fire Administration	(330)492-4089
Emergency Calls	911
History	
Historical Society preservingplaintwp@gmail.com	(330)494-6187
Parks	
Park Programming	(330)492-4689
Park Reservations	(330)492-4689
Plain Local Sports	
Holly Hills Baseball www.hollyhillsbaseball.com	(330)495-6333
Community Soccer Club www.communitysoccerclub.com	(330)499-2222
Plain Local Softball www.PLBSA.com	(330)604-0110
Plain Midget Football www.plainlocalfootball.com	(330)316-5263
GlenOak Mat Club	(330)324-6148
Big Dog Lacrosse www.bigdoglacrosse.com	(330)309-5669
Police	
Stark County Sheriff	(330)430-3800
Emergency Calls	911
Real Estate Records	
Stark County Auditor	(330)451-7357
Recycling	
Solid Waste District	(800)678-9839
Road Department/Storm Sewer	
Stark County Roads	(330)477-6781
Stark County Sewer	(330)451-2303
State of Ohio Roads	(330)452-0365
Plain Township Roads	(330)492-3423
Schools	
Canton City	(330)438-2500
North Canton	(330)497-5600
Plain School Admin.	(330)492-3500
Plain Bus Garage	(330)492-1918
Septic Systems	
Stark Co. Health Dept.	(330)493-9904
Voter Registration	
Board of Elections	(330)451-8683
Water Service	
Canton City Water	(330)489-3315
North Canton Water	(330)499-4801
Aqua Water	(877)987-2782
Zoning Permits	
Plain Township Zoning	(330)492-4686



FARMERS MARKET
WEDNESDAYS 4-7PM
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